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Yugoslav Trade Union Congress Scheduled for June

The sixth congress of the Yugoslav trade union federation will open on 26 June in Belgrade. The decision was taken at a recent acrimonious meeting of the federation's central council which aired charges that its leadership had taken stands opposite to the demands of the rank and file.

One of the main subjects to be discussed at the congress will be the role of the trade unions in Yugoslav society. Pressure had been mounting within the Yugoslav labor movement for the unions to increase their role as the protector of worker interests and to modify their old function as a transmission belt for labor directives from the party leadership. Some local trade union officials have even sided with the strikers in several "labor stoppages" which have occurred in the last two or three years.

Trade union reorganization also will be debated at the congress. Plans are afoot to increase the authority of the republic trade union organizations and to curtail the power of the federal apparatus.

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